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REPLY

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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend paragraph 0023 as follows:

[0023] The air cushion 5, which is preferably slightly filled with air, is inserted at an approximately defined site in the space between the two mutually spaced components 1, 2. According to the situation, this may take place during the assembly of the components 1, 2 or after their assembly. When the components 1 and 2 are firmly connected with one another, the internal gas pressure in the air cushion cavity 5C-5E is increased until the air cushion 5 rests at ~~lest~~ least indirectly against the interior surfaces of the two components 1, 2.